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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to provide Comments to the FCC on the E-Rate NPRM proceeding 13-184. The E-Rate program has been of immense importance to our school district. Without it our schools could not come close to being ready for delivering the curriculum content and online testing that permeate the 21st Century education system. Because of this program our district has been able to deliver a wide variety of digital resources to our students and teachers. Without it this simply would not have happened. It is imperative that the FCC due everything in its power to continue and expand this program.

As we move into Common Core standards it will be even more important for our students to have access to high speed internet connectivity. However connectivity without the infrastructure to make use of it is worthless. Therefore, it is imperative that E-Rate be funded at the highest possible level. This means removing the cap on the revenue available for this program to allow for Priority 2 funding as well as Priority 1 funding.

As the Director of Media & Instructional Technology for the School District of Osceola County in Kissimmee, Florida one of my responsibilities is to administer the E-Rate program. It is my considered opinion that this program is one of the most successful ever implemented by the Federal Government in its efforts to assist school districts in the delivery of a global education to our students. This is obvious by the fact that recent funding requests are more than double the available funding for this program.

School districts and public libraries have grown to depend on the E-Rate program for support of their initiatives to move our entire country into a position to compete in the global economy. I respectfully urge the FCC to increase the funding level of the E-Rate program to at least the \$5 billion level in order to meet the demand of those entities supported by this program.

Sincerely,

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